## **REMARKS**

The Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment of August 3, 2004 have been received and its contents reviewed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application, and for allowing claims 1-15.

By this Amendment, claims 16-18 directed to another patentable aspect of the present invention have been added. For example, claims 16-18 are directed to a vehicle upper body structure, in which the front door is movable between its closed position and its opened position so that the front door is opened and closed, and the rear door is movable between its closed position and its opened position so that the rear door is closed and opened. Accordingly, claims 1-18 are pending for consideration, of which claims 1 and 16-18 are independent. By the actions above and the remarks below, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of all the pending claims.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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